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**A METHOD FOR THERMALLY WORKING A WORKPIECE, THERMAL WORKING MACHINE THEREFOR, AND CUTTING OR WELDING TOOL SUITED FOR USE IN THE WORKING MACHINE**

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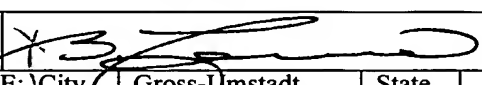
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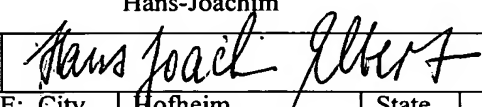
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